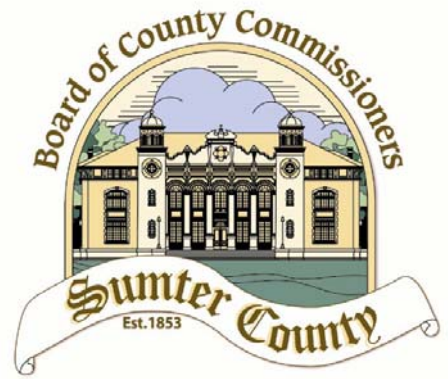


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CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

May 14, 2007

The regular meeting of the Code Enforcement Board of Sumter County, Florida, was called to order on Monday, May 14, 2007, at 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Board members were present: Chairperson-Horton Barnes, Tommy Messer, Cheryl Barnes, Dixie Ruzzo, and Terry Pasko.

Board members Charles Castle and Drexel Clark were absent.

Present from Code Compliance were Paul Jochum-Code Compliance Coordinator, Al Folden-Code Compliance Inspector, Janice Love-Code Compliance Inspector, and Alysia Akins-Code Enforcement Board Secretary.

Lee Hawkins, attorney for Sumter County Code Compliance Inspectors, was absent.
Randall Thornton, attorney for the Code Enforcement Board, was also absent.

Mr. Messer made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2007 meeting subject to correcting the motion made in the Reasch case to read "waive the 15-day requirement for extension requests, applicable to this case only". Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Love and Mr. Jochum were sworn in.

Old Business:

The following cases have complied:

CE2006-0224/English

CE2006-0592/Wright

The following case has not complied:

CE2007-0066/Sullivan

The following case has complied; however, there are costs due:

CE2006-0366/Leiva

The following case has a lien filed:

CE2006-0418/Libecap

New Business:

The following cases have complied:

CE2007-0052/Lipke
CE2007-0108/Smith

Case: CE2006-0790

Owner Name: Delores Leamon

Location Address: 12056 CR 711/Linden

Parcel: T16B005/OR-1021, PG-293

Code Violations: 6-104(4), Table 13-362A-3.715, 13-364(b)(2)(f), and 6-104(2)

The Respondent was not present. Mr. Jochum testified the Notice for Hearing was sent by certified mail, and the property was posted on 4/26/07. Mr. Jochum testified his initial inspection was on 12/27/06. Mr. Jochum testified 5/14/07 was his most recent visit to the property, and the Respondent was not in compliance. Mr. Jochum submitted photographs into the record that were taken on 12/27/06, 2/16/07, and 5/14/07 reflecting the violations. Mr. Jochum testified homestead exemption is filed on the property. Mr. Jochum testified there is a contract for deed on the property with Tony Gunnels, who was mailed information regarding the violations and the hearing. Mr. Jochum testified he has been in contact with “Gregory”, the Respondent’s son, and Gerald Leamon.

Mr. Jochum recommended the property be brought into compliance within 30 days by removing the trash, litter, auto parts, and inoperable vehicles, cease operating an auto repair business, and paying staff costs in the amount of \$330.48, or a \$50 daily fine be ordered by the Board after the date for compliance.

Mr. Messer made a motion to order the Respondent to bring the property into compliance within 30 days by ceasing and desisting all auto and vehicle repair business activities and removing the trash, litter, auto parts, and inoperable vehicles, and also paying staff costs in the amount of \$330.48; if not, a \$75 daily fine will be assessed if found in non-compliance after the ordered date. Mr. Pasko seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Case: CE2007-0183

Owner Name: Dora E. Lowers

Location Address: 2662 CR 426B/Lake Panasoffkee

Parcel: F31C114/OR – 674, PG – 430

Code Violations: 13-103(3)(2), 13-364(B)(2)(D), 13-713(a), 13-713(d), 6-104(1), 6-104(4), and 13-E.3.1.2 SHC 307.4

The Respondent was not present. Ms. Love testified the Notice for Hearing was sent by certified mail. Ms. Love testified 5/14/07 was her most recent visit to the property, and the property was not in compliance. Ms. Love submitted photographs into the record that were taken on 4/3/07, 5/8/07, and 5/14/07 reflecting the violations. Ms. Love testified her initial inspection was on 4/3/07. Ms. Love testified she has been in contact with Mr. Lowers, Respondent’s husband, regarding the violations. Ms. Love also testified homestead exemption is filed on the property. Ms. Love testified this is a repeat violator. Ms. Love testified she informed Florida Department of Environmental Protection of oil spills on the property. Ms. Love also testified some of the inoperable vehicles had been removed; however, the lawn mowers are consistently brought to and removed from the property. Ms. Love explained the previous case was brought into compliance; however, costs were assessed and payments are being made. The Board discussed code cases that had been brought into compliance without the costs being paid. Mr. Lowers’ payment history on the previous case was discussed.

Ms. Love recommended the Respondent cease all small engine repairs and any business related activities, and remove the auto and mower parts, trash, and debris, within 48 hours of receipt of this order. Ms. Love also recommended costs in the amount of \$240.09 are paid within 30 days, along with a fine amount to be determined by the Board.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion to order the Respondent to cease all small engine repairs and business related activities, and remove the auto parts, trash, and debris, within 48 hours of receipt of this order. Staff costs were ordered to be paid in full in the amount of \$240.09, along with a one-time fine in the amount of \$250, all to be paid within 30 days, or a \$100 per day fine be assessed if found in violation after the compliance date. Mr. Messer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Case: CE2006-0734

Owner Name: John and Ileen Stumpp

Location Address: 7957 CR 109E, Oakland Hills

Parcel: D01C179/OR – 806, PG – 185

Code Violations: 13-51(A)(2)(A) and 13-E.3.1.2 SHC 305.3.1

The Respondents were not present. Ms. Love testified the Notice for Hearing was hand delivered. Ms. Love testified 5/14/07 was her most recent visit to the property, and the property was not in compliance. Ms. Love submitted photographs into the record that were taken on 11/20/06, 1/17/07, and 5/14/07 reflecting the violations. Ms. Love testified her initial inspection was on 11/20/06. Ms. Love testified she has been in contact with the Respondents' daughter, Patrice Ripley, regarding the violations. Ms. Love also testified homestead exemption is filed on the property. Ms. Love testified there are blue tarps on the roof left from the hurricanes 2-3 years ago. Ms. Love testified she had informed the Respondents of the available grant assistance programs.

Ms. Love recommended the Respondents be ordered to comply by obtaining necessary building permits within 30 days, and repairing the roof and passing the final building inspection within 120 days.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion to order the Respondents to bring the property into compliance by obtaining the required building permits, making progress on the necessary repairs to the roof, and paying all staff costs due in the amount of \$330.48 within 30 days; failure to bring the property into compliance and paying staff costs due within 30 days will result in a fine in the amount of \$30 per day for each and every day the property remains in violation. The motion also included if proof of grant assistance is provided to staff, costs be abated. Mrs. Ruzzo seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no further business, Mrs. Ruzzo made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Messer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary